

What to consider when planning your learning objectives

When planning your learning objectives and the range of CPD that you plan to carry out, you should consider the following knowledge and skill areas.

These knowledge areas relate to the different competencies that you should be developing and maintaining through CPD.

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| <p>Legal knowledge and skills</p> | <p>It is a Handbook requirement (Part 2 of the BSB Handbook) that you must not provide services to clients beyond your competence.</p> <p>As a general rule, the more areas of law in which you hold yourself out as practising, the greater the need for CPD. You should assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are competent to offer services in any particular field of law; • The specific areas of development which are required; • The type and breadth of CPD that you require in order to maintain a sufficient level of legal knowledge and skills in these areas. |
| <p>Advocacy</p> | <p>Being able to provide good quality advocacy services is a central skill for the vast majority barristers across every practice area.</p> <p>You should be able to provide a level of advocacy appropriate for your level of seniority and experience.</p> <p>This includes the ability to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross examine witnesses • Submit pleas in mitigation • Make use of skeleton arguments • Make appropriate oral submissions. |
| <p>Practice management</p> | <p>It is a regulatory requirement that you know and understand what is required of you in managing your practice effectively.</p> <p>This may include topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Financial management</u>; • Risk management; • Money laundering regulations <p>Your approach to CPD in relation to the way you manage your practice will depend upon the nature of your practice.</p> <p>You should take into account your type of practice when choosing your CPD activities. You should make sure that you carry out CPD that best delivers the outcome suited to the type of practice in which you operate.</p> |

